whom Causes are heard, and decreed according to Equity
There is a Court of Exchequr where all Pleas of the Crown are likewise decided.

Admiralty. The Court of Admiralty is held by a Comission from his Royal Highness the Duke of Yorke, as Lord high Admiral of the Forreigne Plantacons, whereby the Governor of Barbados is constituted Vice Admirall of the Caribbee Islands.

Inhabitants. The Inhabitants of this Island are of four sorts.

Freeholders. First the Freeholders, who formerly held their Lands from the Earl of Carlisle under an acknowledgement of 40lb. of Cotton p head; and since the surrender of that Patent, from his Majty in free and common Soccage Yeelding and paying every yeare for the same one eare of Indian Corne in full discharge of all Rents and Services whatsoever.

Freemen. The next sort are those they call Freemen, who are such as, having served out their time they contracted for, are freed from their Masters, and now serve ye Country for Wages.

Servants. The third sort are those they call Christian Servants for distinction, whose time of Service is not yet expired.

Slaves. The last sort are the Negroes brought thither from the Coast of Guiny, Cormantine, and Madagascar, who live as ~~slaves~~ Slaves to their Masters.

Number of Inhabitants. White. The number of Inhabitants is computed to bee as follo

White Men ~~able to bear Armes~~	7235.
White Male children	3687.
White Women & Female Children	8646.
Total	19568.

Blacks.

The number of Negro[illegible]	46204.
Negro boyes	326.
Negro Women and Girles	72.
In all	46502.
The whole number is	54198.
	66070.

Townes. The cheife Towne in ye Island is St Michaels commonly called the Bridge towne partly built of Brick, but most of Stone with handsome streets.

The next considerable Town is Spikes Towne Ten miles to Leeward of Bridge Towne.

Parishes. There are Eleaven Parishes, and Five precincts distinguisht according to ye Five Courts of Judicature.

Rivers. There are noe Rivers in the Country, but many Springs and Pools to supply that defect.

Harbors. There are noe Harbors, but several Bayes and Roads very convenient for Shipping, and defended by Forts, viz.

Forts. In the Road before Bridge Towne, there are several Batteries commonly called Forts viz. Charles Fort where are mounted 40. Guns. A New Battery with nine Guns, at Willoughbye's

Fort

Fort are 12. Guns; And at James fort on y^e^ right point of the Bay are 31. Guns. The Breast work hath 7. guns; Portabel-Battery 9. And Charls Bay 3.

The next considerable Bay is called Dirtyn's Bay, where are 4 Forts and Batteries with 33. Guns.

At the Hole Bay is a Fort and Battery wth 19. Guns.

At Reeds Bay a Fort and 12 Guns; And at Spikes Bay are 5. five forts and 39. Guns.

All landing places between the Bays, are defended by Brestworks made of stone

Commodities exported.

The natural Product, and Commodities, of y^e^ Country exported to other parts is Ginger, Indigoe, Cotton Wooll, Tobacco, Logwood, Mastick Lignum vitæ, and cheifly Sugar of all sorts, Muscovade clayed and refined, which is the Standard of their Trade, and support of the Island.

Indian Corne.

There is great store of Corne, whereof they make two crops in a yeare planted in May and November, and gathered about October and March following.

Imported.

The Commodities Imported are all manner of utensils for boyling of Sugar, Working Tooles for Tradesmen, Iron, Steel, Lead, Brass, Pewter, Cloth, Stuffs, hats, hose, shoes, and all sorts of Manufacture Provisions, fish, and flesh, Wine, Brandy, Beer, from England servants, and horses from England, Scotland, and Ireland; Wine from the Maderas, and horses

cattle

Cattle, Asinegos, ~~Horses~~ from ye Island of Cape Verd, Negroes from Guiny and other parts.

Ships. The number of Ships coming hither yearly is above 150. Sail, from 20. to 300. Tun.

Sloops. There are Sloops belonging to the Island about Sixty, which serve to carry Merchandize from one part of the Country to another.

Revenue. His Ma^ties^ Revenue consists in the Customes raised upon the commodities exported to other English Plantations and received by Officers appointed by the Commissioners of ye Customs in England, according to ye Act of Parliament made in the 15^th^ yeare of his Ma^ties^ Reigne, for the better securing the Plantation Trade.

4 1/2 p Cent. There is alsoe another Revenue of 4 1/2 p Cent upon all dead commodities of the growth of the Island, shipped off from thence, which was granted unto his Ma^ty^ on the 12^th^ of Sept. 1663. by an Act of the Country, in consideration of his Ma^ties^ confirming and setling unto the Inhabitants the possession and tenures of their Lands; and in lieu of the 40^ls^ of Cottn p head, and other Taxes formerly raised. As alsoe for ye maintaining the honor and dignity of his Ma^ty^s authority, the reparacon of Forts, public buildings, and other charges incumbent upon the Government.

Considerations.

This

Abstract of the Trade of Barbados 1683.

Exported in Twelve Months ending 24th June 1683.

Free persons	Europe	161.	
	Plantations	285.	— 446.
Slaves to	Europe	24.	
	Plantations	283.	— 307.
		In all	— 753.

Imported in Twelve months.

Freemen.	— —	— 325.
Servants.	— —	— 385.
Negros.	— —	— 3995.
	In all —	— 4705.

v. Revenue Liquors imported.	Tunns.	Duty.
Beer and Ale		
Sider		
Murum.		
Madeira		

Shipps trading to the Island in 12. months ending the second of September 1683.

Number.	Tunns.	Powder-Duty Barils.
338.	25774.	257 3/4.